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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL PROJECT--OPERATION SAIL

1. ROGER FORTIN OF ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR OPERATION SAIL WILL ARRIVE KOTOR APRIL 28 ABOARD CRUISE SHIP STELLA OCEANIS. HE WILL BE CARRYING LETTER FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR MOSBACHER TO AMBASSADOR TOON CONCERNING IMPORTANCE OF YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION SAIL.

2. THIS PROJECT INVOLVES ASSEMBLY IN NEWPORT AND NEW YORK IN JULY 1976 OF TALL-MASTED SAIL TRAINING SHIPS FROM ALL PARTS OF WORLD. YUGOSLAV SHIP JADRAN IS ONE OF 20 BIGGEST AND PARTICIPATION IN FLOTILLA VERY MUCH DESIRED. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL IN WASHINGTON AND CONSUL GENERAL BULAJIC SAID TO BE MUCH INTERESTED. BULAJIC IS CONTACTING DEPUTY MAYOR GRZETIC OF DUBROVNIK TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR FORTIN WITH OTTO DENES AND BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE IN BELGRADE. FORTIN ETA BELGRADE NOT YET DEFINITE AND FORTIN WILL CONTACT EMBASSY PAO FROM DUBROVNIK. FORTIN ALSO HOPES VISIT NAVAL ACADEMY AT SPLIT.

3. OPERATION SAIL IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BICENTENNIAL PROJECT AND ONE OF MOST EXCITING EVENTS INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION. DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE EMBASSY MAY APPROPRIATELY GIVE FORTIN. KISSINGER

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